



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 2826
Jacques DEGELAEN et al. : Docket No. 99_0318A
Serial No. 09/276,923 : Group Art Unit 1645
Filed March 26, 1999 : Examiner R. Zeman

PROCESS FOR DETERMINING ANTIBIOTICS
CONTAINING A B-LACTAM RING IN
A BIOLOGICAL FLUID

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RESPONSE

This is responsive to the PTO Communication dated August 7, 2002.

Submitted herewith is a new marked-up version of the amendments to the claims presented in the Applicants' Amendment dated May 30, 2002.

After the amendments, claims 16-27 and 38-43 are pending. Claims 16 and 38 are amended as suggested by the Examiner in the Official Action dated April 19, 2002. No change is effected to claims 17-27 and 39-43. Claim 37 is cancelled.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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